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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1885.

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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

Mails.



STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,
MALTA, MARSAILLES, GIBRALTAR,
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE,
TRISTEZA, PLYMOUTH AND
LONDON.

BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND
AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken in through Buil
of London, BATAVIA, PEESIAN
GULF, FORMOSA, MARSEILLE,
TRISTEZA, HAMBURG, NEW YORK
AND BOSTON.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
NEPAL, Captain ALBRENTON, with
Her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched
from this for LONDON direct, via SUEZ
CANAL and naval Ports of Call, on
THURSDAY, 27th August, at 4 p.m.

Cargo will be received on board until
10 a.m. on the day of sailing.

Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office
until 10 a.m. on the day of sailing.

For further Particulars regarding
FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the
PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are
required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to
note the terms and conditions of the Com
pany's Black Bills of Lading.

Passengers desirous of insuring their bag
gage can do so by application at the Com
pany's Office.

This Steamer calls at MARSEILLE.

A. MOLIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, August 18, 1885. 1407

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,

COLOMBO, PONDICHERY,

MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADEN, SUEZ,

PORT SAID,

MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK

SEA PORTS.

NAPLES, MARSEILLE, AND PORTS

OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;

ALSO BORDEAUX, LE HAVRE, DUNKIRK,

LONDON AND ANTWERP.

ON THURSDAY, the 3rd September,

1885, at Noon, the Company's

s.s. NATAL, Commandant STOCH,

with MAILED, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,

AND CARGO, will leave this Port for the

above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for

London as well as for Marseilles, and ac
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the

principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until

Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4

p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on

the 2nd September, 1885. (Parcels are not to

be sent on board, they must be left at

the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the

Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, August 22, 1885. 1445

Occidental & Oriental Steam
Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS

TO JAPAN, THE UNITED

STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND

EUROPE, VIA

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,

AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING

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THE Steamship OCEANIC will be

despatched for San Francisco, via

Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 8th

September, at 3 p.m.

Connection being made at Yokohama,

with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan

Port.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to

Address in full, and same will be received at

the previous day to the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the

day previous to sailing.

REVENUE PASSENGERS—Passengers, who

have paid full fare, re-embarking at San

Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa)

within six months, will be allowed a discount of

20% from Return Fare; or re-embarking

within one year, an allowance of 10% will

be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Re
turn Passage Orders, available for one year,

will be issued at a Discount of 25% from

Return Fare. These discounts do not apply

to through fares from China and Japan to

Europe.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo

destined to ports beyond San Francisco,

should be sent to the Company's Offices

addressed to the Collector of Customs, San

Francisco.

For further information as to Freight

or Passage, apply to the Agency of the

Company, No. 604, Queen's Road Central.

G. D. HARMAN,

Acting Agent.

Hongkong, August 22, 1885. 1441

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE

INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underwritten, Agents of the above

Company, are authorized to insure

against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1882. 14

NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COM
PANY.

THE Underwritten are prepared to accept

Risks on First Class Godowns at 4

per cent. net premium per annum.

NORTON & CO., Agents.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

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No. 6888 — August 25, 1885.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

A HOUSE at the PEAK, with Large TENNIS GROUND, attached. A good View of the Harbour and out to Sea. Apply to PEAK, o/o. THIS OFFICE. Hongkong, April 11, 1885. 614

NOW PUBLISHED.

BUDDEHISM: ITS HISTORICAL & THEORETICAL AND POPULAR ASPECTS.
BY ERNEST J. EITEL, PH.D., TUBING.
THIRD EDITION.
REVISED, WITH ADDITIONS.

Price, \$1.50.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, August 20, 1884. 1398

NOW READY.

PRICE, \$1.00.

COMPARATIVE CHINESE FAMILY LAW
By E. H. PARKER.
Can be obtained from KELLY & WALKER
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WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use
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If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.
For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposal or any other information, apply to ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton, Hongkong, January 4, 1887. 100

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THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates, payable either in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

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Policies issued for sums not exceeding £6,000 at reduced rates.

HOLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1885. 496

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SINGAPORE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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WE are prepared to GRANT POLICIES against FIRE on usual terms at Current Rates.
All Contributors of business, whether Shareholders or not, are entitled to Share in the Bonus.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, July 18, 1885. 1239

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To-day's Advertisements.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

The Co.'s Steamship "Fokien," Capt. Gordon, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 26th Instant, at Noon, instead of the time previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 1453

NOW PUBLISHED.

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REDUCTION OF EASTERN RATES.

POLICIES Issued on the spot for any sum up to £50,000.

EXAMPLE: £3,14,6 per cent.
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Hongkong, June 30, 1885. 1101

NOW PUBLISHED.

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Company's Steamer "Phra Chom Kla," Capt. H. STRATTON, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 26th Instant, at 8 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co., Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 1461

NOW PUBLISHED.

THE OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship "Sarpedon," Captain CHAMBERS, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 26th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 1450

NOW PUBLISHED.

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Hongkong, November 5, 1883. 255

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Under-signed is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES, Secretary.
Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 1458

NOW PUBLISHED.

THE EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FRANK PENDETON, American ship, Capt. E. P. Nichols—Order.

The Steamship "Haroldine," American 4-masted schooner, Captain Tibbets—Order.

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NAUPACTUS, British ship, Captain Ed. H. Lovit—P. & O. S. N. Co.

ENOSSEER, American barque, Capt. P. L. Chapman—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

PSYCHE, French barque, Capt. Sevrain-Carrollitz & Co.

HONGKONG, August 25, 1885. 1455

NOW PUBLISHED.

FOURTEEN ADVERTISEMENTS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW (SHARP-PEAK).

The Co.'s Steamship "Douglas," Captain YOUNG, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 27th Inst., at Noon, instead of the time previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 1451

NOW PUBLISHED.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR HAMBURG (DIRECT).

The Co.'s Steamship "Thamadie," Captain Jones, will be despatched for the above Port on SUNDAY, the 27th Inst., taking Cargo at the rate of 40%, and for HAVRE, BREMEN and ANTWERP, at 47.6.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 1452

NOW PUBLISHED.

VESSELS ADVISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION.

VESSELS.

CAPTAIN.

AGENTS.

DATE OF LEAVING.

Hamburg	Telegraph (a)	Jones	September 6.
London, &c., via Suez Canal.	Nopaul (e)	Alderton	August 27, at 4 p.m.
London, via Suez Canal.	Glenfinland (e)	Jacobs	About August 29.
Marsella, &c., via Saigon.	Saxpdon (e)	Chirimes	August 30.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Natal (e)	Such	September 3, at noon.
New York	Kashgar (e)	Speck	August 30, at daylight.
San Francisco, via Yokohama	Penobscot	Chippman	Quick despatch.
San Francisco	Oceanic (e)	Russell & Co.	September 8, at 3 p.m.
Shanghai	Marques de Lorre	Raymond	Quick despatch.
Shanghai	Ningpo (e)	W. Potts	August 26, at 4 p.m.
Singapore, Penang and Bombay	Voronja (e)	Caborné	Quick despatch.
Swatow	Fokian (e)	Goddard	August 26, at noon.
Swatow, Amoy and Foocow	Douglas (e)	Young	August 27, at noon.
Sydney and Melbourne, &c.	Phra Chom Kla (e)	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	August 29, at 8 a.m.
Turkestan	Tannadice (e)	Zerahm	September 5, at 3 p.m.
Turkestan	Doris (e)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About August 27.
Turkestan	Medusa (e)	O. Bachrach	August 29, at noon.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

AUGUST 25, 1885.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid-up.	POSITION FOR LIST REPORT.	Reserve.	Last Dividend.	Closing Quotations, Cash.
BANKS.	50,000	125	125	For equalization of dividends	\$ 50,770.22	2 half year	158 % prem., ex div.
North China Insurance Co., Ltd.	5,000	200	50	11	540,107	..	Tls. 300 per share
Yangtze Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	25	5	50,000
Union Insurance Society, Co., Ltd.	8,000	125	125	534,000	493,929
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	83	33	600,000	300,735.71	12% <i>v. annum</i>	cash, ex div.
Canary Insurance Co., Ltd.	10,000	250	50	65	469,560	..	buyers
Chinese Insurance Co., Limited.	1,500	1,000	200	28,711.50	35,155.20
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	250	50	909,600.65	407,658.07	\$20 for 1883	cash, buyers
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	2	2	647,500	191,060.95	\$ 5 for 1883	cash
STEAM COMPANIES.							
H.K. & M. Steamboat Co., Ltd.	8,000	100	75	2,004,236.55	4,593.0	1/2 half year	45 prem., ex div.
Empire Steamship Co., Limited.	20,000	50</					

THE CHINA MAIL.

No. 6888.—AUGUST 25, 1885.

For Sale.

**CHINESE DICTIONARY
GANTON'S E.S.P.
BY
Dr. E. J. REITEL
CROWN OCTAVO, pp. 1018.
HONGKONG, 1877-1883.**

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OF THE
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Characteristics of the Regime of the T'ang Dynasty.

Wind Instruments.

Chinese Early Mythology.

Notices of New Books.

Notes and Queries:

The Taoist Patriarch.

The Doubled-up Ear of Lu Tsze.

Chinese Dispatch Style Adopted in Modern Telegraphy.

Private Societies.

The Emperor's Tutors.

Zatun.

Semitic Traces in China.

Movements of the Population.

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Official Dissertations.

Death Warrants.

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Cave Services.

Kashgar.

Penal Servitude.

Game of Draughts.

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Tz-yih.

Doubtless Cycles.

Number of Military Nobles.

The Kinsha River.

Pensions of Military Nobles.

The Great Wall.

Annihilation Theories.

Military Engineering.

Ancient National Flags.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

To Contributors.

Hongkong, July 22, 1885.

SUMMER TIME TABLE.

THE KOWLOON FERRY.

STEAM-LAUNCH MORNING STAR

Every MORNING a FERRY BOAT between Pedder's Wharf and Tsim-Tsa-Tsui at the following hours:-

WEEK DAYS. SUNDAYS.
Leave L.A.M. 7.00 A.M. 6.00 P.M. 7.00 A.M.
6.00 A.M. 7.00 A.M. 6.00 P.M. 7.00 A.M.
8.00 " 8.30 " 7.30 " 8.00 "
8.50 " 9.00 " 9.00 " 10.15 "
9.40 " 10.15 " 11.00 " NOON "
10.45 " 12.30 P.M. 1.00 P.M. 1.00 P.M.
12.45 P.M. 1.00 " 1.30 " 2.00 "
1.30 " 2.00 " 2.30 " 3.00 "
2.20 " 3.00 " 3.30 " 4.00 "
3.30 " 4.00 " 4.15 " 4.30 "
4.15 " 4.30 " 4.50 " 5.10 "
4.50 " 5.10 " 5.25 " 5.40 "
5.25 " 5.40 " 5.55 " 6.10 "
5.55 " 6.15 " 6.30 " 7.00 "
6.45 " 7.00 " 7.15 " 7.30 "

* There will be no Launch on Monday and Friday, on account of coaling.

The above Time-Table will be strictly adhered to, except under unavoidable circumstances. In case of sickness of weather, due notice will be given of any stoppage.

FREDERIC ALGAR,

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Commercial Papers signify such papers as those written by Hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, deeds, copied music, &c. The charge on them is the same as for books, but, whatever the weight of a packet containing any partially written paper, it will not be charged less than 5 cents.

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Registration, 10 cents.

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Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Fiji, via Torres Straits, Letters, 10; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2; via Ceylon, Letters, 25; Registration, 20; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

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Half-hour, 10 cts. One hour, 20 cts.

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Four Coolies, \$1.00 Four Coolies, \$1.50

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Four Coolies, \$2.00 Four Coolies, \$2.50

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Two Coolies, .. 1.30 Two Coolies, .. 1.60

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Four Coolies, .. 1.75

Three Coolies, .. 1.40

Two Coolies, .. 1.20

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Four Coolies, 40cts Four Coolies, 50cts

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Two Coolies, 30cts Two Coolies, 40cts

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(d) Via Singapore, 10 cents.

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PARCELS.—The public is reminded that there is no such thing as Parcel Post to Europe, &c. Much trouble and disappointment are caused by persistent attempts to send small valuable trifles through the Post. Fine Curios, Articles of Dress, Fancy Work, and similar presents are continually being refused, the senders having often spent more in Postage than would have paid the freight by steamer. No refund can be made on such price of the value of Stamps obliterated before the nature of the contents was discovered.

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6. The following cannot be transmitted: Parcels insufficiently packed or protected, or liable to be crushed (as: barbed-wire, &c., Opium, Glass, Liquids, Explosive substances, Matches, Indigo, Dyestuffs, Ice, Meat, Fish, Game, Fruits, Vegetables, or whatever is dangerous to the Mails, or likely to become offensive or injurious in transit).

7. Parcels are as general rule forwarded by Private Ship, not by Contract Mail Packets. To India they are forwarded by the P. & O. and Indian Mail Packets only, to Ceylon by P. & O. only. No responsibility is accepted with regard to any parcel, unless Registered, and then only to the amount of \$10.

8. The public are cautioned not to confound these facilities with a *Parcel Post* to Europe, &c., which does not exist.

It is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed.

1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received

or Postage if it contains gold or silver money, jewels, precious articles, or anything that, as a general rule, is liable to Customs duties.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of dutiable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the postage of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows:—

Books and Papers to British Offices, 5 lbs.; to the Continent, &c., 4 lbs.

Patterns to British Offices, 5 lbs. if with, out intrinsic value; to the Continent, &c., 8 oz.

Commercial Papers signify such papers as those written by Hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, deeds, copied music, &c. The charge on them is the same as for books, but, whatever the weight of a packet containing any partially written paper, it will not be charged less than 5 cents.

The sender of any Registered Article may accompany it with a Return Receipt on paying an extra fee of 5 cents.